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WOMEN AT THE LOUISIANA PURCHASE EXPOSITION

"It is not too much to say that in the eleven years since the Chicago Fair, the position of women has changed more rapidly than it had before in any hundred years of the world's history, and there has been an amount of clear thinking and just writing regarding her greater than in all time since the Queen of Sheba." Thus says John Brisben Walker, in a recent number of the *Cosmopolitan* magazine, which devotes itself entirely to the St. Louis Fair. For woman played an important part in the life of the St. Louis Fair. On every side in and around the buildings of the Exposition were the figures of women, representing every known art or science, every best thought or highest purpose of mankind. There are graceful, beautiful women depicting Poesy, Victory, Music, Peace or Liberty; calm, dignified figures, embodying the sculptor's idea of Justice or Education. Each is an ideal figure, noble and powerful in its outlines, depicting firm resolve, high purpose, or virile strength, but always a woman. Truly it is an inspiration to any thinking woman to see the place thus assigned to her. And that such representation seems not only admirable but rational, should make firm her resolve that, so far as lies in her power, the real woman shall rise to the height attained by the ideal.

The real woman, however, has not been inactive or invisible in the life of the Fair. There was no attempt at St. Louis to segregate the works of women into a feeble

exposition, as was done in the Woman's Building at Chicago. In the St. Louis collection of the productions of all nations, woman's work takes its place on its merits with that of man. From the exquisite Venetian lace or Brazilian feather-flowers, made by the peasant women of those countries, to many wonderful pieces of art and masterpieces of house decorating, there was an endless variety of marvelous productions designed or executed by women.

Toward the promotion or completion of the Fair itself women had little to do. Immediately upon its completion, however, the men to whose energy and untiring labors we owe the Fair, turned to women of all classes to assist them in the carrying on of the great undertaking.

There were two groups of women who were not only intensely interesting as individuals, but as organizations peculiar to the Fair, and never to be seen again working in just the same way. These were the Board of Lady Managers, and the Hostesses of State and Territorial Buildings. The hostesses were appointed by their respective States, and received salaries varying in amount according to the wealth of the State. Every State that had a building was represented by a hostess, several of whom had assistants.. Of these eighty-seven hostesses, many were appointed through political influence and were not as representative women as one might expect under ideal conditions. There were in the whole number, however, a great many interesting and well known women. New York's hostess, Mrs. Dore Lyon, of New York City, is undoubtedly the most prominent club woman in the State. She is known to many through her interest in the Trades Schools' movement and is editor of *The Club Woman*. She has a charming personality, and was an ideal representative of aristocratic old New York. Miss Mary Hart, of Alaska, was one of the pioneer women of that Territory. She has done a great deal for it in every way, and has been the heroine of many thrilling experiences in earlier days. The hostess of the Tennessee building, Mrs. Rachel Lawrence, is a granddaughter of Andrew Jackson

and a charming and fitting representative of her State. These hostesses lived in the State buildings, which were, for the most part, remarkably beautiful and, in contrast with those at other Fairs, contained facilities for entertainments and made really pleasing homes. The life of each hostess was much the same as that of the mistress of a large and well-appointed home, who feels herself called upon to do a great deal of entertaining, and to act in the most cordial way possible toward all who chance to come within the range of her hospitality. So adequately did the hostesses fulfill their duties in this regard that there was hardly an afternoon or evening after the Fair opened without its tea, reception, dinner or dance at one of the State buildings. In fact, the social life of the Exposition was carried to quite an unnecessary extreme.

The members of the Board of Lady Managers were appointed by President Roosevelt and the National Commission at Washington. The qualifications for selection of the women to serve on the Board were intelligence, tact, pleasing personality and progressive ideas, and the body of women brought together in this way was certainly a very representative one. Mrs. Daniel Manning, the President of the Board, is the wife of the well known statesman, who was the Secretary of the Interior under President Cleveland. She is a brilliant talker, an organizer of extraordinary ability and a born leader. In remembrance of her splendid services at the Paris Exposition, she was decorated by the French Government with the Legion of Honor. Mrs. William H. Coleman, of Louisville, whose family has for generations been prominent in the making of United States history, was Treasurer of the Board. In fact, the history of the members of the Board and the hostesses would, in itself, form an interesting volume, and one which would impress the readers pre-eminently with the wide scope of the interests of American women at their best. The Committee of Awards was an unusual and prominent committee of the Board. To its members was given the duty of selecting the

women jurors, "to serve on every Jury of Awards which is to judge of the merits of women's work." Miss Egan, Mrs. Fanny L. Porter, of Georgia, and Mrs. Helen Boice-Hunsicker, of Pennsylvania, the well known singer, were among its members, and Mrs. Frederick Hanger, of Little Rock, Ark., was its Chairman. Mrs. Hanger has been President of the Arkansas Federation of Women's Clubs. Mrs. Margaret P. Daly, of Anaconda, Mont., a member of the Board, is now said to be the wealthiest woman in the world, having absolute personal control of over sixty millions of dollars, which she manages with the ability of a man. She is quite a power in her State toward better economic conditions, and is in every way a capable Western woman. Miss Helen Gould, who needs no introduction, was also a member of the Board, and spent her time at the Exposition during November. There were in all twenty-two Lady Managers, Mrs. Manning being the only one who spent the entire seven months at the Fair. The Board had pleasant quarters in one of the group of buildings, which is to be used in the future by Washington University, and which was called, during the Fair, the "Administration Group."

It is thought by many serious-minded people that these women did not make the most of their splendid opportunity. It was within their power to discover much talent at the Fair, and bring it to the notice of the thousands of visitors; to plan lectures, concerts and readings to fill in the resting hours of the innumerable busy women, whose time for this great educational treat was so limited. The committee was untiring in the giving of receptions for foreign ambassadors and prominent visitors, but this was an increase to the social, not the educational, side of the Fair, and, when all is said and done, the makers of the Exposition wished it to be a great educator.

The only philanthropic work of women on the grounds was the Model Playground, instigated and presided over by Mrs. Ruth Ashley Hirshfield. It was located in the Model City, which was quite a feature of the Exposition. Here, in

connection with a Day Nursery, there was provision for the care of the juveniles and space for them to play happily and healthfully while their parents visited the Fair. During the summer there were many small "Congresses of the Nations" on this playground, where the child of the Esquimaux played with the little fellow from far Japan, and where the small Filipino became acquainted with his fellow-countryman, the young American Indian. It is a delight to consider the other branch of Mrs. Hirshfield's work last, since it shows woman in her best and happiest role, that of the intelligent American mother. Prominently displayed in the Palace of Education, and here presented to the public for the fourth time, was the active working exhibit of the Model Nursery. It showed that while womankind has been active and earnest in many other sorts of work and usefulness, she has not neglected her own domain. "It presents American motherhood in a singularly winning way and exemplifies more eloquently than learned essays the practical advance in understanding and caring for children, misunderstood factors in the social order since the beginning of time."

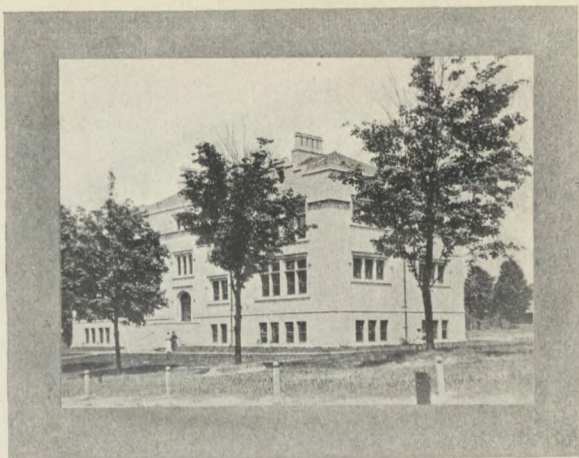
FLORENCE S. DURSTINE,
Gamma Alumnae.

UNIVERSITY OF WOOSTER

The University of Wooster is situated among the hills of central Ohio, at the northern end of the city of Wooster. Non-sectarian in itself, it is backed by the Presbyterian Church, and is controlled by the Synod of Ohio. Until late in 1901, there was but one recitation building, which also contained offices, laboratories and museum. At that time this one large building, the beautiful stone chapel, Frick memorial library, a gymnasium, an observatory, the conservatory of music and Hoover cottage, the dormitory for girls, comprised the whole of Wooster University. But on the night of the 11th of December, 1901, the main building, with many valuable records and documents, was entirely destroyed by fire. Before daybreak of the 12th, the faculty had met and voted to canvass for funds immediately, for rebuilding. That midnight session of the faculty, held while the gaunt skeleton of the University was still smouldering, will be recorded in Wooster's history as long as her history is told.

Dr. Louis E. Holden, who had been President since 1899, was given the burden of raising the great part of the necessary money. And on just one year from that memorable "eleventh," four large, modern, well-equipped buildings were dedicated, two for the Science, one for the Preparatory Department and one for the main recitations — a result which was predicted impossible twelve months before; and to faculty, students, friends, and especially to Dr. Holden, is our gratitude due.

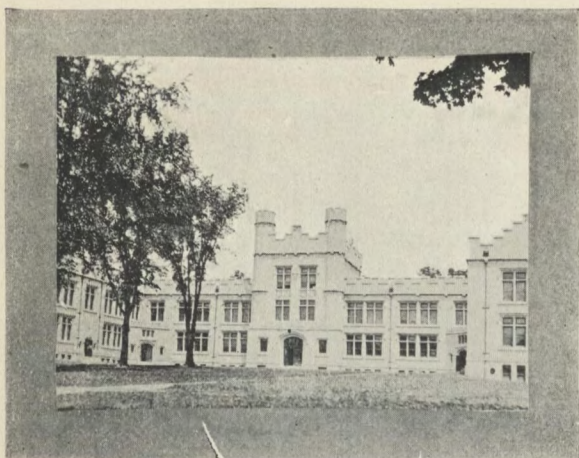
Kauke Hall, named in honor of its most generous donor, the late Captain Kauke, of Wooster, is built somewhat after the manner of the college of Oxford, England. Scovel Hall of Biology and Botany, and Severence Hall of Physics and Chemistry are both excellently equipped. Taylor Hall accommodates the Preparatory Department. All



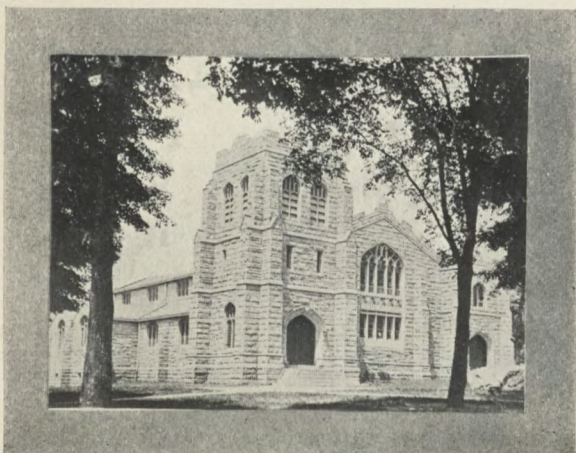
TAYLOR HALL, WOOSTER UNIVERSITY



SEVERANCE HALL, WOOSTER UNIVERSITY



KAUKE HALL, WOOSTER UNIVERSITY



CHAPEL, WOOSTER UNIVERSITY

the buildings stand together on the campus hill, with the exception of the conservatory of music, which is but a short distance away.

The student life at Wooster is very active. Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A., and the Student Volunteer movement are far stronger than at most colleges, and at the same time the social life is equally in evidence. The advantages offered us in the way of music, lectures and plays are many and varied. We shall not soon forget the pleasure that the Pittsburg Orchestra gave us on Thanksgiving of 1903; Creatore's band later in that winter; and also the year before, the Eugene Cowles Concert Company. Student talent is made much of, and Professor J. Byron Oliver, who is at the head of the conservatory of music, gives at least eight or ten hours a week to the training of the college choristers, the chapel choir and the large oratorio chorus. We have listened to Dr. David Starr Jordan, of Leland Stanford; Dr. Gunsaulus, of Armour Institute; Dr. Moffet, of Washington and Jefferson; Robert Speer, and numbers of other prominent men. We have several literary and debating societies, all conducted regularly and with business-like methods. Since a little over two years ago, when he first came to us, Prof. Kirkpatrick, instructor in oratory, has presented, with the aid of the students, "Hamlet" and "Damon and Pythias," and has assisted the students in the presentation of several lighter plays, all with great success.

Among our faculty we number Prof. Jonas O. Notestein, well known to Latin scholars, and Dr. Sylvester F. Scovel, President of the National Reform Association. Dr. Scovel was formerly President of the University, and he now occupies the chair of Morals and Sociology.

The country around Wooster University is beautiful. The steepest grade between Pittsburg and Chicago, on the Pennsylvania Railroad, is visible from the east windows of Hoover cottage. Driving parties are very popular with the students. Autumn, winter and spring each bring the accom-

panying carriages and bob-sleds in full force to the Wooster campus.

There are chapters at Wooster of Beta Theta Pi, Alpha Tau Omega, Phi Gamma Delta, Sigma Chi, Kappa Kappa Gamma and Kappa Alpha Theta, besides the two interfraternities, Theta Nu Epsilon and Beta Delta Beta. Since fraternity houses are not permitted, we all have our rooms, Kappa Kappa Gamma and Kappa Alpha Theta each having a large, desirable room in Kauke Hall. Kappa Alpha Theta was the first sorority to enter Wooster. We have several loyal alumnæ in town, and their interest and practical support are an important factor in our chapter life.

It is natural for people to love their college; more natural still, perhaps, for them to sound abroad her praises and to argue for her merit. But not long ago one who was about to bid farewell to "old Wooster U," was heard to say: "There are bigger colleges, and there are more famous colleges, but there's something about this place you just naturally love!" So say we all of us!

GRACE HUNTER, *Epsilon*.

A PLEA FOR DEFINITENESS IN INTER-SORORITY CONFERENCE PROCEDURE

Verily the Conference has accomplished what no one society was willing or able to attempt alone. The securing by Inter-Sorority action of a ruling forbidding the pledging of preparatory students confirms us in the enthusiastic trust we have felt for the Conference since its inception. Realizing the progress represented by this all-important step, together with what it implies of inter-sorority confidence and good will, no harm can be done by a frank criticism of the business procedure of the Conference. Having accomplished great things, no mere discrepancies can discourage us. The right spirit is abundantly present, and proper methods will necessarily follow.

Let us consider, therefore, the necessity and initial plan for a definite business procedure. The Conference has convened three times in the last three years. What agreement has it adopted? In the minutes of the Third Conference we find: "The Conference wishes to emphasize all the agreements now included in the Inter-Sorority Compact which is binding upon all the chapters of all the Sororities represented in the compact. I. There shall be a Pan Hellenic Association in every institution where two or more National Sororities exist; each association shall be represented by the chapter first established there; and shall consist of one alumna and one active member of each sorority. It shall be presided over in rotation by each chapter in the order of its establishment. Any chapter violating the Pan Hellenic agreement shall be reported to its Grand President by the Pan Hellenic Association to which it belongs. 2. No student shall be asked to join a sorority before she has matriculated, matriculation being defined as the day of enrollment as a student in the University or College."

Now, number 1 is a combined statement of several motions passed by the vote of the delegates in the Conference. Number 2 is the combined statement of two motions passed by a majority vote of all the chapters of all the sororities. The dilemma is apparent: What body is vested with the power of making laws which shall be considered a part of the compact? Is the Conference the legislative body, or is legislative authority vested in the majority vote of all the chapters of the sororities represented in the Conference? Clearly we cannot advance far until this point is settled.

I am confident that it is far from the desire of the Conference to legislate for the chapters. The interests of the chapters are too complicated, too varying for any delegate at the Conference to cast her "yea" or "nay" for any motion however insignificant it may seem; for it is often those seemingly trivial rulings that are fraught with deep significance to some group of members. It is readily conceivable that a motion lost in Conference by the vote of delegates might be carried by a vote in the chapters, and vice versa.

We suggest as a basic agreement the following motion to be submitted at the next Conference: That the Inter-Sorority Conference adopt a compact, every article of which shall have been incorporated into the compact only after having been presented in the form of a motion at a session of the Conference, and subsequently passed by a majority vote of all the chapters of the sororities represented in the Conference.

Insistence should be made upon the point that the motion be passed upon by the chapters of the sororities, not by the vote of delegates at National Conventions. The importance of the motions warrants a full discussion in each chapter and the vote taken in the chapters will naturally express what the chapters' experience in the local Pan Hellenics has proved advisable. This procedure will not necessitate a delay of over two months from the time of the

meeting of Conference to the time of ratification by the chapters. The present custom should be preserved: The secretary of the Conference having submitted to the chapters the motions suggested in the Conference, shall collect the votes and announce the results to the councils and chapters of the sororities, the last named being responsible for their proper observance. I wish to emphasize the point that any motion presented at, not necessarily passed by the Conference, shall be submitted to the chapters.

Thus it is evident that I place the legislative function wholly with the college chapters where, I believe, it belongs. Does it seem that the field of effort for the Conference is thereby curtailed? In no way. Rather, the great changes for which we are hoping cannot be realized without this body. It is the means of holding before the women's fraternities results possible only through associated effort, and of formulating motions suggesting definite legislation toward those ends. It seems advisable that the Conference provide that all subjects to come before that body, as far as possible be submitted to the delegates for their thoughtful consideration at least two months before the Conference convenes.

Concerning the special dispensation which the last Conference sought to grant the Wisconsin chapters by passing a motion relative to them, I would state that, because wholly irregular, its passage has no effect upon the ruling against pedging, as passed by the chapters. No body has the power to repeal or annul a law, save the body that made it. Therefore the delegates at the Conference had no power to altar a law passed by the chapters. To grant special privilege to Wisconsin, the majority vote of all the chapters of the sororities must sanction it. Those who expect much from the meetings of the Conference cannot help but admire the spirit back of the motion which was lost at the last meeting; it reads: "In as much as Inter-Sorority regulations affect us all alike, the Third Conference refuses to make any exceptions, whatever local conditions may exist

in any particular college." Here is the germ of all successful action — "affects us all alike." The motion desiring to secure special dispensation for Wisconsin was made with the explanation that conditions there are unique. Subsequent examination has shown that they are duplicated in many of our colleges. Provided we could grant the argument on the grounds upon which it was presented, it nevertheless loses all force when we remember that whatever the rulings, they affect us all alike. For the sake of preserving in toto the all-important ruling so far enacted, let us do all in our power to get a clear understanding of the difficulty of further advance, if retrograde steps be taken.

By frank discussions through our magazines, what may we not do to further the good work of Inter-Sorority Conferences? We believe that through them the fuller realization of the true meaning of fraternity is reached, and that they can be, moreover, a means of so eradicating the evils claimed against the system, that even the inimical will be forced to concede the fraternity an important factor in the social well-being of our colleges.

EDNAH HARMON WICKSON,

Grand President.

A TWO-FOLD IDEAL

Are the Thetas in the mood for a bit of sermonizing this month? For I am inclined to take a text for this little paper, to treat it under three heads, and to end it with a practical application, quite after the fashion of old time exhortations.

My text is a double one: its first part, "Perfect Womanhood"; the second, "The Simple Life." In the first, we all recognize a woman's highest ideal, the one goal which we are striving to reach in the midst of college, fraternity, home, and social life. The thought of the second part of the text is daily becoming more familiar to the American people, since Pastor Charles Wagner has been our guest. His book, "The Simple Life," seems to me full of vital truth for us as college women. The simple life, the author would show us, is the fullest realization of all our dreams of being great and good, of doing that which is worth while. "Simplicity," he says, "is a state of mind. At bottom it consists in putting our acts and aspirations in accordance with the law of our being, and consequently with the eternal intention which willed that we should be at all." Considering our fraternity from these two view-points, may we not add to our whole-hearted belief in *our* ideal, a larger conception of the method of attaining it?

The activities of life are mainly intellectual, moral, and social; and if a woman be striving ever toward a nobler womanhood, she will be constantly growing in these three directions. Just here is the value of the simple life. "A man is simple, when his chief care is the wish to be what he ought to be, that is, honestly and naturally human." The gospel of simplicity emphasizes the value of simple thinking, simple needs, simple duties, simple speech and simple pleasures.

One cannot do better than go to the book itself for the rule for simplicity of thought. "Have confidence and hope;

be kind." Do you not see how entirely that meets the needs of our fraternity life? Have confidence, in ourselves and in others, that we may ever be ready to recognize and meet the larger opportunity. Hope, in order that whatever we anticipate for our fraternity, we may be strong to bring to pass. Be kind, kind in our thought of those among us who perhaps have not yet come up to what our ideal Theta is, while we help them to approach more nearly that ideal, by our unswerving adherence to the high standard already set for us by older members. Such method will make our thinking fruitful of the good, simple in its purpose, conformable to our highest destiny, "the perfect woman."

In nothing is a person's character more clearly shown than in her needs and in her duties. The complex life will have many desires, the gratification of which will seem to it necessary for existence. Yet, in the securing of those desires, that which should be the real aim, that love that "seeketh not her own," is often forgotten while one strives for position, intellectual or social, and makes of her fraternity only the stepping stone toward her own preferment. Should not the fraternity be, instead, the one place where the simplest duty of all, that of usefulness to one's neighbor and the "doing the next thing," should be achieved? Chapter life offers an unlimited opportunity for helpfulness to others, which cannot but result in a more beautiful character in the one who helps.

Simple speech and simple pleasures seem to belong distinctively to the social life. Sincerity, truth, and moderation in speech, in our spoken opinions of ourselves and of other fraternities,—how much this may often mean in the maintenance of friendly and trusting relations between members of the Panhellenic world. How much a strict adherence to simple pleasures, in which the spirit of happiness is manifested in singleness of heart and self-forgetfulness, may do in solving the problem of rushing.

Of what practical value is the ideal of the simple life to Kappa Alpha Theta? As an alumna, I do feel most

strongly, that the fraternity is making a mistake by insisting on too complex organization for alumnae chapters. Is it essential to the largest usefulness of those chapters, that they be held to the fulfillment of requirements properly belonging to the active chapters? Alumnae chapters are made up of women busy with the manifold cares of teacher, housewife or society leader. Knowing as they do, their own capabilities, limitations and environment, they should be deemed wise enough to determine for themselves how they shall best serve Kappa Alpha Theta. The fraternity should emphasize, not rules and red tape, but the spirit of loyalty and helpfulness which, after all, makes the worth of any chapter.

There is another phase of our fraternity activity which borders on complexity instead of simplicity; the financial expenditures of the fraternity. There has been, of late, greater expense incurred by conventions and otherwise, that is not always justified, it seems to me, by a corresponding increase in inspiration, wise helpfulness to chapters and truer, stronger sisterly feeling. In some cases it proves such a burden on the individual girls, that good material for the active chapter is lost because of excessive financial obligation; while those who enter the chapter are compelled to face much heavier payments to the fraternity than they can afford. Oftimes the girls who would prove most strong and efficient in the chapter are those by whom the dues of the fraternity can be met only at a sacrifice.

Should not the fraternity consider seriously the need of real simplicity in individual, chapter and national fraternity life? This can best be attained by cultivating in the chapters independence in small details, while the central organization emphasizes the great needs and aims of the fraternity. Let it supply the essentials, the conditions of sympathy and inspiration, and then let us have faith in our fellow members in Kappa Alpha Theta, that all are loyal to the spirit of true Thetas, that all are striving, individually and in chapters, toward a nobler womanhood, that each may

be safely trusted to heed wise suggestions from convention or council, and to carry out those suggestions conscientiously in her own way. Let us, too, just so far as we can, make our policy stand for the simple instead of the complex, for personality rather than machinery, in thought, action, and organization, and so work ever toward the realization of the two-fold ideal, perfect womanhood and the simple life.

MAY W. RUSSELL,

Eta Alumnae.

Διαλεγόμεθα

Class Stunts at Cornell

There is a time and again honored course at Cornell, open only to the women of the University, distinctive in its acceptance of the "absolutely original" alone. It is entitled "Class stunts," and is a quadruple-header, meeting four times a year, under the tutelage of each class in turn, for the exploitation of such quirks and tangents in the feminine college brain as are too choice for oblivion and not strong enough to throw the gauntlet to the Sultan of Sulu and the Prince of Pilsen.

The senior class starts off in the fall with something amazingly dignified, such as Alice in Wonderland adapted to an Ithacan topography, or Mother Goose tablets for college women. Last year the class of 1904 presented itself in "A New Wriggle in Three Squirms Entitled Scraps." It must remain just as complete a mystery now as it was then. The only things left out of this stunt were the dramatic unities. The property-manager forgot them at the last minute.

Junior dignity has aimed as high as Uncle Tom's Cabin. To be sure, the Jacob's ladder on which Eva mounted to a gymnasium ceiling heaven had been used for baser purposes, but Eva's thoughts were on higher things, so up she went until she got her head under its proper crown of glory — namely, the basketball basket, entwined economically with gilt paper. Meanwhile the cast knelt on the floor below, chanting "Eva, E-E-E-va" with the latest approved comic opera lilt.

The Sophomores have tried all sorts of temperatures on their stunts, but the Sophomore stunt is a lusty one,

hard to kill either by roasting or freezing. One year the locale was Hades and the title Orpheus and Eurydice. Still again the scene was laid at the South Pole, where the South polar bears danced attendance on a plot decidedly Wagnerian — except that an automobile was substituted for the conventional swan.

The Freshmen always do their best. The literary digestion of the community usually suffers after their delightful but conglomerate repasts, but that, in fact, is true of any of the others. However, no matter how weird the concoction to which we are treated may be, we are always ready to "up and at it again."

ABBIE F. POTTS.

Business

It is a lamentable fact that most women are not businesslike. The large majority certainly waste much time and strength in considering and worrying about the things they have to do, yet without accomplishing much. What does it mean, to be business-like? It means doing many things, yet doing them all well; it means careful execution of details, without losing grasp of the work in its entirety; most of all it means promptness and efficiency, secured without worry and without hurry. Manifestly, if this is possible, it means a great gain, not only to the individual, but to all with whom she has to deal.

A woman's first step toward business-like methods consists in learning to realize her limitations. She should never undertake anything which she has not the time or the capacity to do well. In the second place, a practical, common-sense view of things is requisite. Once a task has been undertaken, let not "How am I ever going to do this?" but "What is the best way to do this?" be the motto. Often writing a list of things to be done proves a great saving of time and perplexity. Often and often a task that would be heavy if done all at once becomes a pleasure by being done piece-meal, when one is at liberty to lay it aside as soon as

it grows irksome. Moreover, if a woman's work is thus done systematically day by day or bit by bit, she is never rushed or under pressure to finish within a certain time limit. Above all, she seldom or never falls behind hand unless some untoward accident delays her seriously. When pursuing this plan, however, she must be on her guard against the danger of overlooking details. She who has learned how to get a large perspective of her work, and at the same time to be accurate in every little detail, is well on the high road to success. She is already accurate and planning to be prompt. To sum up, I should give these as the first principles of business efficiency: (1) Never undertake to do more than you can carry out. (2) Plan your work ahead carefully. (3) Be heedful of detail. (4) Always be on time.

CAROLINE D. HALL,
Alpha Zeta.

Letters to the Alumnae

Last year Beta Alumnae undertook the work of reading the magazines of other fraternities for the purpose of getting new ideas. Reports on these magazines constituted the program for every meeting. One idea which we liked well enough to adopt and put into practice was taken from the Phi Delta Theta Scroll, as quoted in the Key (KKΓ) for October, 1903.

"As another important duty toward our alumni let us have a close observance of the rule in regard to chapter letters. The annual letter is the only regular message from the chapters to their alumni, and it should be compiled with great care. This letter ought to contain all the college and fraternity news of the year, such as conditions of the institution, changes in the faculty, honors won by Phis, a list of active members with home address of each, and a carefully prepared list of all chapter alumni with addresses and business connections. We cannot expect to arouse a great deal

of enthusiasm in an alumnus whose name we cannot spell, and of whose location and business we are ignorant. These chapter letters are full of interest to the alumni, giving them the news of their old friends and brothers. The importance of this matter can scarcely be overestimated, and no chapter can afford to fail to issue a comprehensive, interesting and correct annual letter. An energetic committee should be appointed to this duty in plenty of time to do full justice to the work. It would be a good plan to read the proof in chapter meeting before sending to press, as a check upon mistakes and omissions."

If each active chapter of K A Θ could send out every year to the alumnae a printed letter containing the "conditions of the institution, changes in the faculty, honors won by Thetas, list of active members with home address of each, and a carefully prepared list of all chapter alumnae with addresses," occupations and vital statistics, it would be a great quickener of fraternity interest, a source of pleasure to the alumnae, and of advantage to the active chapter. Perhaps after the first year only changes of address need be given. Such a letter should go in the name of the active chapter, though a resident alumnae chapter ought to be willing to bear a share of the work and expense. Much of the information needed can be obtained through the committee in charge of the catalogue work. This annual letter would be an appropriate place for an account of chapter house building funds or other important undertakings of the girls, but the letter should be entirely free from duns, subscription lists or begging in any form, so that it will be what it was originally intended to be — a message of good will and loyalty from the younger to the older members.

HELEN C. WOODMAN,

Beta Alumnae.

Another Evil of Rushing

The evils of fraternity rushing is an old and well-worn subject of thought and discussion, yet occasionally a new

phase of it comes to one's attention with such force that further comment seems justified through the hope and desire to spread information that must demand a remedy. I cry you mercy, therefore, for a brief account of an interrelation of men's and women's chapters in rushing which is new to me and seems peculiarly deplorable.

Circumstances sometimes make a traditional intimate friendship between a given chapter of men and one of women, with varied practical results. Sometimes those results include marked mutual services in the rushing season. This is said to be sometimes by implicit understanding merely through general influence, sometimes by a definite commercial arrangement, an out and out trade of influences to work on the respective rushees. Thus the chapters agree that Thomas Jones is to work upon Mary White in consideration of the efforts of Sarah Waters and Jane Robinson with John Brown. Any reluctant brother or sister is subjected to all sorts of pressure until co-operation in such work is conceded "for the chapter's sake," even though individual preference may point elsewhere.

The evil results are obvious. An interfraternity agreement prevails according to which no chapter member "talks fraternity" to freshmen before a given date. But any one may talk *another's* fraternity, and when the allies are mutually instructed whom to talk to and what to say, the agreement is broken in spirit, to the apparent disadvantage of fraternities who do not approve nor practice the custom. Again, it is unwritten law that in pleading for one's own fraternity one says nothing against one's rivals. These vicarious pleaders, however, are bound by no such convention, and not always by strict truth, and often "knock" unmercifully. Unfortunately the wise air and seemingly informed speech of an upperclassman often has undue weight with the simple freshman of the opposite sex.

It is not altogether easy to draw the line in words between the perhaps legitimate individual effort for one's own friends and the pernicious custom I have been speaking of.

If an Alpha Chi chooses to say to Maud Brown, "The Omicrons are splendid girls; I think you would find your right place with them," who can object? But when it is done in an organized way, with the knowledge and consent of the Omicrons, or at their request and with their instructions, when it becomes a commercial transaction, a trade, then it seems to me distinctly a different matter. It is cheap political method. It is beneath the dignity of college women, at least. It is rather less than honorable where an agreement exists prohibiting "fraternity talk" to freshmen, and it brings increased disfavor from those who look with reserve upon the fraternity system or upon co-education. Cannot an influence be sent abroad to discourage it?

AN ALUMNA.

Phi Beta Kappa at Stanford

At the last meeting of the United Chapter of the Phi Beta Kappa, a local charter was granted to Stanford University. For several years prominent members of the Faculty have been working for this, their efforts extending over six years. Owing to the peculiar system of marking at Stanford, action was not taken until full investigation was made.

Phi Beta Kappa traces its organization back to Revolutionary times. The first chapter was founded at the College of William and Mary in 1776. Its first aim was simply social and incidentally literary training, but finally it became a matter of course, that all honor students should be elected to membership. The present organization has been the result of a process of evolution from a social fraternity to an honor society, open to both men and women. Chapters exist in men's and women's colleges and co-educational institutions. The constitution was revised in 1881 and the whole fraternity practically reorganized, and since then Phi Beta Kappa has been a strong bond among the greater American Universities.

PHI.

Some Defects in Methods of Study

Any time of invoicing, like the collection of grade reports to be read in fraternity meeting, for instance, tells quite accurately what stock each member of the firm has on hand, and in what condition it is. Since the quality of material which we as students possess as the result of our labor with books, fluctuates greatly, while the wholesale house, or sources from which we gain our knowledge, carries as fine a line of goods as ever, there must either be something wrong with the storage vaults or the means of transportation to them. It is true that for most of us the former have a limited capacity, yet it is too often a limitation with which we are content, and take no pains to remedy and should, therefore, be looked upon with more censure than pity. The methods of storing knowledge for our future use are, however, more nearly within our control and it is here the defects are most prominent. We would consider as untrustworthy a dealer who would say, concerning the fulfillment of our order, "Any old time will do," and yet that is virtually what we say when we put off to the last half of the last minute, the preparation of a theme paper, for example, which was announced long before, to give an opportunity for thoughtful consideration. We would unquestionably accomplish more if we had a system in the scheduling of our work instead of the usual hit or miss distribution of time. A clerk who is always late at his post is discharged without ceremony. Yet we too frequently care not at all for punctuality at classes. Bringing our car loads of knowledge over the slowest roads surely implies either indolence or positive carelessness on our part. These faults are generally coupled to a lack of concentration and a resulting failure to get the materials and the vehicles for transfer together at the same depot. Merely sitting in a library resting an elbow on an open book will not prepare to-morrow's lesson, while the eyes look into the street or the thoughts wander to last night's party, unless there is

some mysterious way of absorbing knowledge through that elbow. So let us recall our scattered wits, direct them to the subject in hand that they may be united more closely, increased and intensified by application to one thing at a time.

Just as the foreman of a packing house would not leave his forces, however busily they might be working, until they had loaded all the bales of goods, let us remember that our post of duty is by our lessons until we have finished the task in the best possible way.

STELLA WORTHINGTON,

ALPHA.

Our Journal

We are all so fond of our own chapter and so anxious for its success that we are, perhaps, too apt to center all our fraternity enthusiasm and energy around that small fraction of the whole national organization. Our occasional glimpses of a Theta from some other college help us vastly toward a grasp of the national spirit; but it is through our Journal that we learn to know each other best. Through it we can think each other's thoughts and know each other's highest ideals. I shall never forget a short article in a Journal of last year, "Theta Ideals." It was after reading this article that I first began to realize the fullness and real sweetness of our national sisterhood. It seems to me that every Theta should write at least once for the magazine; just to write for a Theta publication is to feel that you are writing to every Theta individually. This holds the possibility of a greater inspiration to active fraternity spirit than almost anything else. Writing for the magazine ought not to be a hard and laborious task, a thing much to be dreaded, and to be avoided when possible; but one of those tasks classed under the name of

"play-time duties" — simply one more means of drawing closer to the sisters in the fraternity that we love.

EMILY LEONARD,

UPSILON.

Rushing Contracts

Will an inter-fraternity contract diminish rushing? From our experience we of Lambda say yes. Heretofore the two or three weeks' rushing has been most strenuous, bitter, superficial and altogether unsatisfactory. But by deferring asking day until the day before our Christmas vacation, we made the time too long for hurried and undignified rushing and long enough to meet the girls in a natural way. Before now it has been necessary through lack of time to do away with almost all individual rushing, and to confine ourselves to the tea and reception, which we give each year to the Freshmen. Now, with both the tea and reception over before Thanksgiving, we can devote the time until Christmas to informal spreads and individual rushing, and mere acquaintance is deepened to friendship.

It is impossible to make by-laws or hard and fast rules to govern rushing, for every fraternity will construe them differently. Therefore, it is necessary to have an advisory council or committee, whose business it shall be to settle all discussions which may arise, and to provide for the changing conditions in Chapter life relative to rushing. Without such a council, composed of alumnae and the older chapter members, we cannot hope to secure unity of action. Although our organization is just at its beginning and far from perfect, it is a step in the right direction, and with the earnest co-operation of every loyal fraternity woman, it must prove a success.

LAMBDA, '07

EDITORIALS

A truly happy and blessed New Year! One loving wish comes to you, far and near, from your editor: "To thine own self be true" — your best self — with every possibility of beauty, culture and character, a great and sacred trust, given to you to mold as you will. Just as you are true or false to the best instincts of your own womanhood, so are you factors for good or ill. It was not given to you for nothing, this wonderful boon of a woman's power of mind and soul. You, and you alone, are responsible for the success or failure of your own individual character. In your work, your play, in everything big and little, be true to your best self, your highest instincts, your most unselfish impulses, and you will carry in your own personality the sunniest, most welcome of New Year greetings.

Marion Crins Whipple, President of Gamma District, was married to Mr. Earl A. Garrettson, on October 29, in the Church of the Angels, South Pasadena, Cal. Mr. and Mrs. Garrettson are now living at 4548 Fourteenth Avenue, N. E., Seattle, Wash. Mrs. Garrettson, who is the only married member of the Grand Council, holds a very conspicuous place in the affections of all Thetas who are so fortunate as to know her personally, and her literary productions for the Journal are always full of personal charm.

The article in this issue, written by Ednah Harmon Wickson, Grand President, entitled "A Plea for Definiteness in Inter-Sorority Conference Procedure," will, we hope, lead the way to a general discussion of these and other propositions of inter-fraternity interest, through the medium of the fraternity magazines. The work and influence of these conferences should by no means be limited to the conferences themselves and the active chapters. All the members of women's fraternities should be most keenly interested in this admirable effort toward the amelioration of fraternity conditions, and the fraternity organs are the best general mediums of discussion. It is the realization of a beautiful dream — this co-operation of the fraternities — and every possible

method should be employed to further and strengthen its progress.

A few short months, and our convention of 1905 will be in session. The time and place for holding this, our sixteenth biennial convention, have not yet been announced, but it is quite time for the chapters to direct their attention to the many necessary preliminary duties of a convention. The delegate should be chosen as soon as possible, that she may, from now until the actual date of convention, have a sense of responsibility and a thorough understanding of her duties and representative powers. As to the choice of a delegate, the inclination is to represent the chapter by the popular member, the gracious, attractive, well-dressed girl, who makes friends at once. But the *raison d'être* of our conventions is pre-eminently to execute the business of the fraternity, to advance our national standing, to strengthen the weak spots, and stimulate the entire organization to greater activity. To this end your delegate must be a clear thinker, with good logic, power of concentration, a respect for and understanding of business methods, and a fair basis of parliamentary knowledge. If all these requirements be combined with social charm, your delegate is ideal, but the former *must* be considered first. And do not forget what the word "delegate" means. She is the chapter's mouth-piece. She must express your ideas and wishes. She must be absolutely sure of the stand her chapter takes on matters to be discussed, and she must feel sure of your support in her suggestions or criticisms. To insure this requires much careful thought and discussion in chapter meetings. Remember that it is the actual duty of each chapter to add an important quota to the value of the convention. Do not be satisfied with merely formulating votes on questions proposed by the Constitution Committee, work out your own suggestions, to be presented at convention. Help to make this Convention of 1905 our greatest advance toward the fulfillment of our ambitions for our fraternity.

CHAPTER LETTERS

Alpha District

IOTA — CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

In her December budget, Iota wishes to record first what is uppermost in her mind and heart, the story of initiation and the new Thetas: Christiana Busbee, Raleigh, N. C.; Mary V. Donnellan, Binghamton, N. Y.; Helen L. McFarland, Harrisburg, Penn.; Edna L. Mertz, Sedalia, Mo.; Helen M. Stearns, Norwich, Conn.; Zaidee I. Theall, Boston; Helen J. Woods, Rochester, N. Y. On November the fifth we went together through the ceremonies, which sent the kites flying at Cornell to the tune of "We Are Seven." The banquet following was a glad reunion. Juliet S. Crosssett, '03, was in Ithaca for the festivities, and we also welcomed among us a new resident Theta, Mrs. C. C. Thomas, formerly of Phi.

Another occasion of rejoicing was the marriage of Grace M. Law, Iota '93, to Mr. James Alfred Foord, at Sage Chapel, on November 14. It was one of the prettiest of pretty chapel weddings, and memorialized in the sunniest of ways the pleasant thoughts and the affections Iota has for a very, very dear "grad." The Thanksgiving Day event for the chapter, but one at which distance forbade our attendance, was the marriage of Frances E. Fitch, ex-'07, to Mr. Roy Stuart Pattison, at Lockport, N. Y. Thus we lose one of our active members, but only to regain her as a resident Theta, since Ithaca will be their home.

A messenger from the Iota of old times visited us a few weeks ago, in the person of Mrs. Henry W. Fox, Iota '93. Another cherished reunion — most helpfully suggestive in the modeling of policy and the cementing of fraternal bonds with the memories of those who have gone before us.

And right here we wish to commemorate the delightful visit we had of late with our District President. The few days in which we knew her and learned to love her, and tried to attain to her inspirations, will be long remembered ones. Yes, we waved the train out of sight, and then went home and wondered, in a very lonesome way, why it was that Miss Reynaud could not tour on inspection once a month or oftener.

Sadly we pen the record of the death of Mrs. L. A. Wait, Iota ex-1889, on October 21 of this year. It had been long since occasion needed the draping of the kite at Cornell, and the chapter feels keenly the loss of a most loyal Theta and helpful example. With the expression of our sorrow, however, we would make an earnest, sincere and thankful tribute to her kindliness and interest, to her womanliness and to her Theta loyalty.

ABBIE FINDLAY POTTS.

LAMBDA — UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT.

Lambda has had a quiet year. We have had several delightful gatherings, just the active girls, but we have done no rushing. In October we gave an informal tea to the freshman girls. It was a pleasant afternoon, and gave us an opportunity to become acquainted with the girls of 1908. On Friday evening, November 18, our annual reception was held at the home of Miss May Boynton, '94. The evening was pleasantly passed in playing "Observation" and singing college songs.

The new Pan-Hellenic rules seem to bring about all that could be desired, and we hope to send you, in January, the names of a good number of pledges.

Hallowe'en, the faculty gave a reception to the students. The gymnasium was prettily decorated, and the different booths created much fun and laughter. Every one pronounced the evening one of the jolliest of the year.

Everything bids fair to make 1905, the beginning of Vermont's second century, a "red-letter" year. Grassmount, the girls' dormitory, is full to overflowing. Besides the new medical building, we are to have a new agricultural hall, to be known as Morrill Hall. Lambda hopes to share the success of our "dear old U. V. M."

GERTRUDE E. THOMPSON.

CHI — SYRACUSE CHAPTER.

One evening in October, the active chapter entertained the alumnae informally at the chapter house. It was gratifying to hear the older girls say that it seemed to them as if they were again in college. The past four months have brought about a stronger union than ever before between the alumnae and the active chapter. The good results are manifest in both bodies. The alumnae association in the city will probably soon be formed into an alumnae chapter. The active chapter feels already the strength and dignity which comes to them through the support of the alumnae.

It was our pleasure during the Alpha Phi convention, held here in October, to welcome into our home two of the Baltimore delegates. They seemed so much like Thetas, that the only difference appeared to be that they wore another emblem than the kite. After all, high fraternity ideals make a Greek a member of not only a special fraternity, but also of one great fraternity.

A meeting of the Pan-Hellenic was called in November to check the violent rushing carried on in Syracuse University this year. December sixth was decided upon as a common pledge day, although four fraternities had previously intended to defer pledging until the second semester. Uniform written invitations were sent to the Freshmen. As a result of these we have pledged Fern Wheeler, Lila Rockwell, Anastasia Coady, Mary Blair, Blanch Merritt, Edith Ackerman and Elizabeth Fewsmith. Our initiation

will be on December 16th. On November 4th we initiated Frances Emmons, of the class of 1907.

Chi wishes every chapter and individual Theta a happy, prosperous year.

MARY L. COOK.

ALPHA BETA — SWARTHMORE COLLEGE.

Since last we wrote, we have had the happiness to pledge, and initiate, and now present to you, our new sister, Marion S. Comly, 1906. Marguerite Campion, 1904, offered us the hospitality of her home, where, after a general exodus of her family, we held our initiation service. Many alumnae were present to welcome the new kitten, among them her sister, the editor of our Journal.

We have been having gay and busy times at Swarthmore. The Haverford game, the grand climax to a successful football season, was fought and won with a score of 27-6 in our favor. By inter-Sorority agreement, the attendance at the game served for a "rushing stunt"; about twenty-five active and alumnae Thetas and a goodly number of freshmen, enjoyed the game together. The active girls decorated the alumnae, the freshmen and themselves with big yellow chrysanthemums, an attention which so pleased all concerned that we expect to make it a custom for all future Haverford days.

On the morning of that same day we had a most enjoyable visit from Marjorie Bacon and Romola Lyon, of Barnard; we tried to persuade them to remain to the festivities, but were unsuccessful.

On the 14th of December, Alpha Beta is to give the only rushing party allowed by the inter-sorority non-rushing pledge, which will take the form of a dinner to the Freshmen. It is hardly necessary to say that we are all on the *qui vive* in anticipation of that event, from our artistic girls who are preparing the invitations and place

cards, to our domestic girls, who are planning the menu; not to mention the all 'round useful girls who are attending to the thousand things which always fall to their share.

And now we send to every Theta the time-honored greeting: Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, and let us add with Tiny Tim, "God bless us every one!"

GERTRUDE M. ADAMS.

ALPHA DELTA — WOMANS' COLLEGE OF BALTIMORE.

Since the last letter to the Journal, Alpha Delta has welcomed to her happy band Martha Hill, 1908, of Anderson, South Carolina. There are now sixteen of us, and we are planning earnest work and jolly times for the year.

The day we pledged Martha we spent in Catonsville, Md., at the home of Hattie Baker Ewalt, one of Alpha Delta's alumnae. We spent the time playing tennis, taking pictures, singing and having a general good time. A regular picnic lunch was served for us.

The best time of all this year we have voted to be the initiation banquet. There were just ourselves and our chaperone. We were seated around an immense round table where everybody could see everybody else. After the regular toasts the "kitten" of the crowd was called upon and she replied with a very good little toast to Kappa Alpha Theta. Then we had extemporaneous toasts from all, completing the circle.

Florence Sims, of Alpha, was at our college last month in the interest of the extension work, which is being undertaken among the factory girls of Baltimore by alumnae and students of the Woman's College. We were all very proud to meet her and know her, but sorry that her visit with us was so short.

On October 29, we had a very pleasant surprise in a visit from Marjory Matthews and Helen Eastwick of Alpha Beta. They were on their way to see the Swarthmore-Navy foot ball game at Annapolis. They took some Alpha Deltas

with them and we were all delighted with Swarthmore's victory.

Alpha Delta wishes all her sisters a Merry Xmas and Happy New Year.

MINNETTE MILLER.

ALPHA EPSILON — WOMAN'S COLLEGE OF BROWN
UNIVERSITY.

We have enjoyed one term of college life and now examinations are drawing near. During this term we have had many meetings in our new room and early in November we gave a chafing-dish party there for our pledges. Our initiation and banquet came Saturday, November 12. We were fortunate in having with us three guests from other chapters; Miss Irene Flattery of Epsilon who is teaching here in Providence, Miss Stewart of Tau, and Miss Campbell of Kappa. It was very delightful to have so many other chapters represented, and it made us feel more closely linked with all the other chapters.

At an inter-fraternity meeting of the six societies at the Woman's College of Brown University, it has been decided to keep all dances or large evening parties three or four weeks apart. We shall have our dance on Washington's Birthday, unless Lent interferes.

The latch-string of the Alpha Epsilon Chapter room on 97 Waterman Street is always out to Theta sisters.

FLORENCE E. DOANE.

ALPHA ZETA — BARNARD COLLEGE.

For the past two months, Barnard has enjoyed a round of plays and receptions given by the various clubs and classes, both to welcome the Freshmen and to entertain the college as a whole. One of the largest of the receptions was given by the other Greeks to the Barnard members of

Gamma Phi Beta and their delegates from other colleges, during their recent convention in New York. The tea was held in Earle Hall, where the guests were received by delegates from the other fraternities, after which the other members of the various chapters were afforded a very pleasant opportunity of meeting them in an informal way.

Perhaps the most noteworthy event in college affairs is the establishment of the "Student Council." This is composed of the president of the Undergraduate Association and the four class presidents, and it acts as a medium between the students and the faculty. Various questions of importance dealing with self-government are placed before it, and its decisions are final. We feel that this innovation marks the beginning of a new era of self-government in our college world.

To turn to the affairs of the chapter: let us mention first the pleasure we have had in having with us Mrs. Deane and Miss Hodge of Lambda, Miss Clinton of Beta, Miss Flannery of Alpha Beta, and Miss Hogue of Phi, who have attended several of our meetings. In addition to this we have had the pleasure of meeting Miss Waters of Alpha Beta, Miss Almgren of Iota and Mrs. Sheble (Miss Lena Edwards) also of Iota, who have recently visited the college.

We have as yet no Freshmen to introduce to you, as pledge day is on the twelfth of December; but we have kept our best news to the last, and proudly present Cora Bennett, formerly of Vassar, and Jessie Patterson Cooke, from Wellesley, both of 1907.

A happy and prosperous year to all Thetas!

AMELIA LEAVITT HILL.

Beta District

ALPHA — DE PAUW UNIVERSITY.

It is with an increase of pleasure in the writing that Alpha pens this second letter which seems like a link in the chain of correspondence with flesh-and-blood Thetas from

whom she has heard, while before it was to "the Journal," rather a mysterious abstraction. Reviewing in thought the work of nearly one term, we cannot help seeing discrepancies between our ideals and our attainments, while acknowledging that we have accomplished something. It is here we would extend a word of cheer to our new sisters of Alpha Theta, should they feel discouraged over the first attempt at being worthy of Theta colors. It is in time of the rough weather of difficulty, not when all is clear sailing, that we bend more diligently to our oars or cast anchor more firmly in Theta's abiding worth.

The fact that we have been studying is taken for granted, so the recital of the good times we have enjoyed will probably be pleasanter reading. A lecture by Ex-Governor Job Taylor of Tennessee was of real interest, with a happy mingling of the practical and poetical. On the Thursday before the student voters went home, Alpha decided to give an election party, and accordingly decorated the chapter house with patriotic symbols, and carried the idea throughout from the candy booths, to the polls and real restaurant into which the dining room had been transformed. Speeches for the prominent candidates were made by the girls, and campaign songs rendered by a quartet; while a troop of small boys with their drums aided in the celebration of "Teddy's" victory, announced at the end of the evening. At this function we were glad to introduce more prominently, Hallye and Jessie Riley of Rushville, Indiana, whom we had pledged on October 25th, and were to initiate on November 12th.

Following a time honored custom of De Pauw, classes were broken up and a day of jubilee succeeded Election Day. Contrary to custom, punishment for the prank was left in the hands of the students. In a mass meeting, a resolution to the effect that "Breaking up classes is contrary to De Pauw spirit" was passed. It is easier to restrict ourselves than to have restrictions placed upon us.

After the Thanksgiving recess, our freshmen, instead of giving their usual entertainment, delighted us by the gift of a handsome chair, which, as they said, will prove more lasting a joy than an evening's banquet.

A joyous home-coming is among the heartiest of Alpha's Christmas wishes to every Theta.

STELLA WORTHINGTON.

BETA — INDIANA STATE UNIVERSITY.

When Beta's last chapter-letter was sent in, we still spoke of the Freshmen as "our pledges." Initiation was held very soon after that, however, and since the 3rd of October, the twelve new girls have worn the kite.

Our social life has been unusually strenuous this fall. Each Wednesday night for the past several weeks, Theta has entertained one of the men's fraternities with an informal dancing party from 8:00 to 10:30. The invitations were issued in the following order: Phi Gamma Delta, Sigma Chi, Phi Kappa Psi, Delta Tau Delta, Beta Theta Pi, Sigma Nu, Phi Delta Theta, Kappa Sigma. At the earlier parties, great masses of flaming autumn foliage were used for decoration. One committee made their evening Japanese, and Hallowe'en and Thanksgiving parties were given.

And now, after so much gayety for the Freshmen, it is the upper classmen's turn. For our new girls entertained in the upper classmen's honor more lavishly than is told of Freshmen in the history of Beta Chapter. Late in November, their beautifully engraved invitations to a dance at Emanon Hall, on December 8, were issued to the chapter, and to a corresponding number of college men. Also, a number of out-of-town men and girls came for the affair, among the latter being two Alpha girls from DePauw. The entertainment was a success in every way. The hall was decorated with palms, cut flowers, and banners. The programs were kite-shaped with the Theta pin embossed on the cover, and the ices were served in the form of black

and yellow pansies, even the lamp shades were black and gold. But more Theta-like than all was the cordiality and courtesy of our Freshmen hostesses. Certainly, such an expression of Freshman spirit will not be forgotten soon.

A custom which we began last year, that of reading grades in fraternity meeting, is being observed. These reports, which are given at the middle and end of each term, are naturally dreaded a little. The only one we have had so far was very creditable, however. Finals are now approaching rapidly, and we are hoping that Theta's scholarship will stand high, when these last reports are in.

RUTH O'HAIR.

EPSILON — WOOSTER UNIVERSITY.

Among the pleasant things that have happened in Epsilon Chapter have been the visits from some of our alumnae. At one of our meetings in October, Mrs. Paul Hickok (Mary Eliot), Mrs. Ralph Hickok (Grace Anderson), Ruth and Grace Thompson were present. Cecelia Remy, '04, was with us a few days in November. It was in this month also, that we entertained some twenty-five guests in our hall, holding a sort of informal reception.

Foot-ball has given place to basket-ball, and we are much interested in both the inter-scholastic and the inter-class games. Especially in the latter does enthusiasm run high, and class spirit is developed to a most remarkable degree. Besides these games the two girls' literary societies have rival basket-ball teams, which play each year for the championship in a game that is hotly contested and always well attended.

As this letter has to be sent before matriculation day, we can not as yet announce any pledges or initiates. We are very glad, however, to tell of the return of Alice Davis, '06, and Hazel Emery, '07.

It is with deepest sorrow that Epsilon announces to her sister chapters the death of Mary Bruce Notestein, at

Ashville, North Carolina, on November 13, 1904. Just a year ago last June she graduated with high honors, and the next fall took up the work of teaching in the Normal Collegiate Institute of Ashville. She was well-prepared for this and met with great success. The good student developed into a good teacher, thoroughly in love with her work, and deeply interested in her pupils. When she left us, this September, after a summer spent at home in Wooster, it was with the prospect of a happy, prosperous year. Two weeks before her death, word was received that she was very ill with pneumonia, and then, after days of anxious waiting, came the sad news that she had passed away. The funeral services were held here, in Westminster Chapel. Death is never so mysterious as when it claims for its own a life so short and so full of promise. All we can think is that such a life must have been full and complete beyond our knowledge.

MARY B. McCLELLAND.

ETA — UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

The football season is over, and Michigan has once more proven her right to the championship of the West. The last game was played with Chicago, November 12, and fifteen thousand people gathered to see this most interesting of contests. At that time we had the pleasure of entertaining a number of Kappa Alpha Theta alumnae from Eta and from other chapters.

Since October we have pledged and initiated Margaret Stockbridge, of Ann Arbor, so that now we have six first-year girls in the fraternity. At initiation, on the evening of November 12, we had with us Janet Gradie, Charlotte Bissell, Faith Cooper, Myra Post Cady, Helen Post, Minerva Rhines, Mary Stewart and Zoe Schurtz, and from other chapters Mrs. Grace Barnhisel-Hudson, Phi; Florence Hagel, Pi; Katherine Brewer, Upsilon, and Mrs. Calla Rudy-Obetz, Gamma.

We have entertained formally but once thus far this year, when we gave our annual party for our freshmen, a dance held in Barbour Gymnasium. Besides our regular college work and our fraternity interests, there are innumerable college functions which bring us in contact with other students of the University. The Freshman spread, a reception for first-year girls, is given by upper classmen, and is to be held this year, December 12, in the Woman's Gymnasium. To this only the girls of the University are invited, and this forms the best opportunity of the year for the girls to become acquainted.

Just at present we find ourselves in quite a dilemma. With but one exception we are the only sorority in Ann Arbor that has not the dispensation to pledge preparatory students. There is a strong local sorority at Ann Arbor, and the fact that practically we alone are restricted makes a rather hopeless outlook, unless conditions can be altered.

Mrs. Wilson, our chaperone, is to leave us in February. During the two years and a half that she has been with us she has won the sincere affection of the entire chapter. Being the mother of one of the girls, she has, perhaps, grown dearer to us all on that account.

LOUISE HILLS.

MU — ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

We are very proud of our eight new Thetas, each and all of whom bring us joy and comfort every day. On October 1st we initiated Amy Courtenay, Zanesville, Ohio, and on November 26th we initiated our freshmen — Florence Grauel, Sharpsburg; Julia Heibel and Ailene Miller, Warren; Dottie Johnston, Pittsburg; Nulu Neale, Reynoldsville; Emma Hausmann, Erie, and Elizabeth Roberts, Meadville. Six of our alumnae came back for initiation.

On Saturday evening, November 12th, we entertained the faculty ladies in our fraternity parlors. The amusement for the evening was a farce entitled "The Company's

Husbands," made the more enjoyable by appropriate local coloring. A musical program was carried out while the dainties were served, and at a late hour the guests departed, each wearing as a souvenir a black and gold pansy, between whose covers might be found the date, the title of the play and the cast of characters.

We were very especially delighted to entertain Miss Eagleson a few days before Thanksgiving. The only thing that marred our happiness during her visit was that our new Thetas had not yet been initiated, and as a result could not with us get full benefit of her helpful, sisterly talks.

The first week in November, Alpha Chi Omega held its national convention with Delta Chapter in this city. Mu extended courtesies in the form of an afternoon reception at the home of Gertrude Harper. We were very glad to meet the delegates, and especially those who came from colleges and universities in which are chapters of Kappa Alpha Theta.

We still cling fondly to the hope of living, some day, in a chapter house. This year, more than ever before, we feel nearer to the realization of our hope. Happy will be the day when Mu begins housekeeping.

EFFIE MILLIREN.

PI — ALBION COLLEGE.

As a result of Pledge day, which occurred on the second Wednesday of November, Pi Chapter is proud to introduce our four new pledges — Ruth Holler, of Flint; Bertha Root, of Battle Creek; Ira Barbour, of Fennville, and Genevieve Ranger, of Battle Creek. We are planning for our initiation next Friday night, and are expecting to welcome several of the alumnae.

Albion, we are proud to say, won the Inter-collegiate Championship at football this fall, due to the splendid coaching of Walter Kennedy, of Chicago, Stagg's former assistant. Albion is the only college of any repute in the

country whose goal line has not been crossed. On the night of our last game an innovation was given the coach and the team at the Gym by the student body and the faculty. There we helped the team break training in a very substantial way. With speeches, yells and cheers we spent a most enjoyable evening.

The Delta Gammas very pleasantly entertained the faculty and the fraternities at their lodge the first Friday of November.

We are looking forward eagerly to the wedding of Emma Osborne, for it is to be a Theta wedding, and a goodly number of alumnae will be here for the time, New Year's Eve.

With joy we welcomed back Lena Hunt, who has been abroad since last June.

Captain Richmond P. Hobson visited our college town early in December, and those of us who had thought him snobbish had our views changed materially. His lecture on "America's Mighty Mission" exceeded our greatest expectations. It was splendid, and he held his audience spell-bound. On Tuesday afternoon he talked to us on the "Message of the Sea" at the College Chapel, and his whole discourse proclaimed him an earnest Christian gentleman.

The Y. W. C. A. gave the first of a series of teas at the Alpha Chi Omega lodge last Saturday for its members. One will be held at each of the fraternity houses.

May you each, dear Theta sisters, have a most happy New Year.

GENEVIEVE M. POPE.

ALPHA GAMMA — OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

Foremost in our minds, is the initiation which we held on October 29, at the home of Jessie Carpenter, one of our alumnae. Many of the older girls were present and after the initiation proper, a most enjoyable evening was spent socially. We can now introduce to our pansy garden four

new faces; Susan Siebert, Hortense Baker, Jean Rounsavell and Ruth Davis. In honor of these new members, on November 11, we gave a large reception, introducing them to the college world, at the home of May Siebert. There were about two hundred present and with the aid of music, and a lot of happy Thetas, every one had a good time.

It will perhaps be of interest to know that a chapter of Delta Upsilon was installed in the Ohio State University this month. The members have been united for a good many years as a local fraternity, Lambda Nu.

Ohio State is very busy socially, and already several formal dances have been held. The Glee Clubs are working hard, and early in December the Men's Glee Club gave a concert, assisted by the Girls' Glee Club, and the Mandolin and Guitar Club. A very delightful program was given.

Already the stores are filled with holiday goods and the bright holly berries remind us that Christmas is near. Alpha Gamma sends good wishes for the New Year to all Thetas.

MIGNON POSTE.

ALPHA ETA — VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY.

The crisis is past, the new girls have been initiated and we have finally adjusted ourselves to the new order of things. Our initiation was even more successful than usual this year. One of our girls had just moved into a very large house, with a great cellar under it, where there were ghostly nooks and cold, dark recesses. We made use of the house from cellar to attic, finishing with a merry spread.

Alpha Eta has been very quiet socially this fall, but we have had many good times and jolly spreads among ourselves. One of our prettiest entertainments was the party given by our "faculty member," Miss Stella Vaughn. Miss Vaughn lives on the campus, where the trees form great masses of color in the fall, so when our autumn was at its

best, she invited us all to spend an afternoon with her. She entertained us in the dining room, where Theta banners were hung upon the walls and autumn leaves and yellow chrysanthemums heaped everywhere. The table was adorned with a large K A Θ outlined in candles. There was a pretty souvenir for each of the new girls — little yellow felt kittens, with black eyes. Between courses, we walked on the campus, with its brilliant tints, so that we remember that afternoon as one dream of love, good-fellowship and beauty.

But the greater part of our life is now filled with work. Monthly examinations are especially dreaded by our Freshmen, but so far they are doing really well, many of our "little ones" standing at the head of their classes.

All good wishes for the New Year.

LOUISE WILSON.

Delta District

DELTA — UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS.

As the Christmas spirit hovers ever nearer, Delta girls find greater cause for rejoicing. Our commissary plan has proven itself a splendid success. Our house, although the ground has not yet been broken for it, bids fair to be well under way by spring; but our new pledges make us happiest of all.

Our rushing season was very strenuous this year. We had a lengthy series of spreads, picnics and informal parties, but they came to an end as all pleasant things must. On October twelfth, Delta girls confronted one another with anxious faces, but Theta merit won the day and by that evening we had added eleven fine pledges to our numbers. Our initiation was held November fifth. Mrs. Trevett, one of our patronesses, very kindly offered us her home for the evening. Only a few alumnae were back, which fact we regretted very much. We had a number of excellent toasts after the banquet, and as we looked down

the long line of Thetas, we forgot all the anxiety of the last few weeks, and remembered only that we were happy to be Thetas. And now right proudly do we introduce our new sisters; Elizabeth Lafflin, Virginia Taylor, Louise Zilly, Hazel Davidson, Jeanette Davidson, Edith Reed, Viola Sonntag, Elsie Sonntag, Clara Gridley, Louise Shipman and Alice Riley.

ALICE E. FULLENWIDER.

KAPPA — UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS.

The girls of Kappa Chapter are busy with the regular routine of the fall work. In spite of mid-term examinations, however, and the accompanying anxiety, there have been several very pleasant occasions to break the monotony. The first was the initiation of our five new girls. The initiation was an unusually impressive one, and we were very fortunate in having with us our District President, Miss Harrison, and also Miss Mable Baum of Phi, Stanford University. Miss Baum spent several weeks with us, and we enjoyed the visit of our California guest very much indeed. After the initiation, we held our pledge service and pinned the black and gold on Mary Minor, of Kansas City, Mo., whom we are more than glad to introduce to our Theta sisters.

We gave our fall party, October 14th, an informal dance, which was a success in every way, and served to introduce our new girls to University society. Next came the Thanksgiving holidays, which proved one continual good time. As many of the girls as could possibly do so, went to Kansas City to spend the four days as guests of Kansas City active and alumnae Thetas. The annual foot ball game between Missouri and Kansas was, of course, of great interest and the final score of 37-0 made every K. V. student very proud of the Kansas red and blue. In addition to this general celebration, the holidays meant a great deal to Kappa Chapter, in the reunion of alumnae and active members, at a

breakfast given Friday morning in the Emery Bird Thayer Tea Room. Xi *alumnæ* also entertained the active girls very pleasantly at the home of Miss Nina Drake. We were so glad to have such a pleasant opportunity to become better acquainted with our new neighbors and hope that such occasions may be more frequent in the future.

Kappa's interests have by no means been entirely social ones. We have taken active part in class and university organizations. Caroline Doubleday has been elected secretary of the Senior Class, Rebecca Moody, secretary of the Freshman Class, and Irene Gilchrist, literary editor of the Senior Annual.

We are planning now for our Christmas "Kat sup," when we are to have our usual Christmas tree, and be entertained by our Freshmen girls. A happy New Year to you all!

HELEN A. ALDER.

RHO — UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

From Nebraska's plains, Rho sends her Theta enthusiasm to all the chapters of Kappa Alpha Theta.

Rho is blessed with Lincoln girls, who are never satisfied unless they are doing something for us, whose homes are not in Lincoln. Georgia Field and Camille Hall have both given dinners for us this year. The Y. W. C. A. has given a County Fair which was a splendid take-off on the regulation fair. There were a German band, an animal exhibition, a red lynx and all kinds of attractions. The Thetas had a regular circus side-show.

Our Nebraska Pan-Hellenic Association must have its share of attention. Last Saturday night, all the girls from the various fraternities assembled in the art room, to enjoy a masquerade party. It was a decided success. No two fraternity sisters were allowed to go together, and the girls taking the part of men were tagged and filled the

programs. It was great fun to see cowboys, babies, Turks, clowns and almost every imaginable character.

MARY BEDWELL.

TAU — NORTHERN UNIVERSITY.

The fall months were very busy, as well as pleasant, ones for Tau Chapter. We pledged Gwenn Clark a few days after the last letter to the Journal was sent in. Our initiation took place October 29, and our banquet, which was held at the Evanston Woman's Club rooms, was a great success.

Northwestern has been unusually enthusiastic over football this year, and the game of the season took place on November 19, when we played Minnesota. Among the visitors here were nine Upsilon Thetas. After the game we all went to the fraternity hall for supper, and had a jolly evening, becoming acquainted with one another. We enjoyed so much having the girls here, and hope we may have them with us again. We are very glad to have with us Charlotte Walker, from Eta Chapter, and hope that she will enjoy her year at Northwestern. Just now we are very busy in our college work, and looking forward to the Christmas vacation.

FLORENCE A. POND.

UPSILON — UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

Our initiation was held the 8th of October, at the Fraternity House. Many of our alumnae were with us, as once again we heard those mystic words which extend our beautiful Theta sisterhood to girls worthy and true. Soon after initiation we had the freshman party, which the active girls give each year for their freshmen.

One important event to be chronicled is the visit which nine of the Upsilon girls had with Tau Chapter at the time of the game at Chicago, between Northwestern and Minnesota. From the detailed account, which we exacted from the tired but happy and enthusiastic girls, on their return,

we have a very high opinion of the Tau Chapter; and, furthermore, they may be sure of a very welcome reception at the hands of Upsilon if they ever visit our North Star State.

Since initiation the active and alumnæ chapters have had one very delightful party, which the alumnæ gave for us at the home of Mrs. Willett, on Hallowe'en. After the feast, which showed that the alumnæ had not forgotten their college days, we gathered around the piano, and sang with a will our fine, old Theta songs. There is nothing that makes an active girl feel like working for her chapter more than to see the alumnæ, who have many truly important outside duties, rally their forces at such a time and show their loyalty and enthusiasm. When these women of the world take such a deep interest in such social functions, just because they are Theta functions, and forsake business, husbands and families, for the time being, it opens our eyes to the fact that our fraternity is not merely a college organization, and that four years of association in college is only a part of Theta's influence and importance. How must the active girls strive to be worthy of Theta, and of our alumnæ, who have made Theta what it is!

For some time past, the Woman's League of our University of Minnesota has been directing all its energy toward raising a fund for a woman's building, which is really sadly needed on the campus. The fund has grown considerably through hard work and generous donations. Now an operetta is to be given, which promises to be successful, not only in its results but also in the excellence of its presentation. Two performances are to be given at the Lyceum Theater, December 2. Through the loyal support which the student body and faculty promise, the financial result ought to be satisfactory.

We are all eagerly looking forward to our Theta Christmas tree. Last year we had our first one, and it was such a success that we now expect to have one every year. Our present plan is for all the presents to be for the house. We always give some little farce, and do "stunts."

Upsilon sends her merriest Christmas greetings to all the chapters, old and new, and hopes the New Year will see more accomplished for Theta's welfare than any preceding year.

PERRIE JONES.

PSI — UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

A happy New Year to all Thetas! The day after the last Journal letter was mailed we pledged one new girl, Ethel Goodwin, of Berlin, Wisconsin. Very soon afterwards, we initiated our Freshmen and had our usual banquet, the first strictly Theta gathering of the year.

One of our greatest pleasures this year is the hearty aid and co-operation which we receive from our town alumnae. Toward the close of last year an alumnae association was organized for the purpose of aiding the active chapter, and it has been of the greatest benefit to us. We all feel, of course, that not the least of the advantages that our fraternity gives to us is the opportunity to meet and know the charming women who have helped to make Theta what she is. For this reason, in particular, we are grateful for the formation of the alumnae organization, which has led to the interchanging of many courtesies between the alumnae and active chapters.

ELISE F. DEXTER.

ALPHA THETA — UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS.

Since her last letter Alpha Theta has gone through the agony of her first rushing season. Our asking day was November the nineteenth; and the invitations sent at two o'clock in the afternoon and the answers called for at three. The night of the twenty-sixth, a week later, we had our first real initiation, when we took in two of the Beta Epsilon alumnae, Susie Weld, of Boerne, and Ethel Oliphant, of Waco, and five freshmen: Jenness Frieze and Sadie Kell, of Wichita Falls; Hazel Ransom, of Rich-

mond; Lena Greer, of Beaumont, and Hallett McPhail, of Marshall. The inter-sorority contract for rushing and pledging has not worked very satisfactorily this year, and probably will be changed next year. We shall have either no contract at all, or else we shall not be allowed to pledge any first-year students until the end of the year.

We are managing our house ourselves now, although of course we have a chaperon. We are buying our furniture, too. Examinations and term essays are approaching with rapid footsteps and we have all become hard students for the time being at any rate. We send you the wish we wish for ourselves—good luck in examinations, and a joyful Christmastide to all who wear the kite.

EMMA ANTRY GREER.

Gamma District

PHI — STANFORD UNIVERSITY.

Phi Chapter greets you on this New Year with a big smile illumining her face. In the first place six of the very best Freshmen in the college are now Kappa Alpha Thetas, and their initiation was especially beautiful and impressive. They have slipped right into their places in the fraternity, and have shown themselves willing workers and loyal Theta Freshmen.

Then this feeling of contentment expanded into a broad smile, which has not left our faces since November 12. On this day our football team, which we had supported so loyally, won the big athletic event of the year, the match game with University of California. The weather was perfect, and when we read next morning of the games in the east which were marred by freezing winds, we wished that you might have seen the game on Berkeley's matchless new field overlooking the Golden Gate. The score, 18-0, followed by 34-0 on Thanksgiving Day in the game with Colorado, makes us very proud of the Cardinal.

And last of all, a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa has been installed in Stanford. How anxiously we watched for the list of graduates, old and new, which were to be honored. Finally the important article appeared and of eleven women appointed so far, six have been Thetas. Phi Beta Kappa will be a strong factor in the scholarship of the University, and we feel that Stanford is worthy of such an organization.

We entertained on the evening before election day with an election party. Regular candidate posters were the decorations and our dance programs were decorated with G. O. P. elephants. The buffet was a free lunch stand with appropriate placards advising patrons not "to steal the silver—Democrats," in plain view. The Roosevelt and Parker extras were especially popular dances and we found the great political event adapted itself very well to entertaining. We still continue our Faculty dinners on Wednesday night, and try to widen our acquaintance among non-fraternity students as much as possible.

The Ben Greet Company visited Stanford this fall, and presented "Hamlet" with the old Elizabethan stage setting. The production was very elaborate and complete in detail. With best wishes for a successful year.

MARY A. MOORE.

OMEGA — UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA.

It's with a startled gaze that we pick up the final examination schedule, which brings us to the realization that time has again whirled us through a term of study and gayety, another six months of the precious four years. Perhaps it is harder for us of the far west, with our slight change of seasons, to account for the flight of time. When a warm sun invites us up into the Berkeley hills and their canyons that are so green from the early rains, and when even a few meadow larks and scattered wild flowers have been deceived into thinking it is spring, it is

hard to remember that winter is upon us and that the time has come to burn the midnight oil and bend anxious countenances over our books.

The term has been made easy by the many recreative breaks of college festivities. Early in the term the football team was organized, and every afternoon would see the bleachers filled with groups of college girls, and football rooters cheering the players on the field with the college yells and songs. Then came the night rallies in the Greek theatre, when President Wheeler and some of the professors or prominent students would make speeches in the light of a great bonfire, and the hills, under a sky red with fireworks, would ring and echo the music of the military band and the cries and yells of the college men. It is such nights as these that the blood of a collegian tingles in his veins.

And all this led up to that great gala day, the 12th of November, when sixteen thousand people with flying colors came to our new foot ball field to witness the foot ball game between Stanford and Berkeley. The victory of that clean hard-fought battle went to Stanford's veteran team. Never in the college annals was the enthusiasm and college spirit greater nor the good feeling between the opposing colleges more marked.

The whole term has been rather festive, with Senior dances, a Junior farce, a Junior dance, the Sophomore dinner, the Sophomore dance, the Freshman Glee and countless fraternity teas. The Thetas gave one reception, the "coming-out party" of our Freshmen, whom, with the help of a few of our faculty alumnae, we proudly introduced to the college world.

On Hallowe'en the Kappa Kappa Gammas entertained the Thetas. We had the merriest evening, bobbing apples, toasting marshmallows and playing all the old games that belong to that noted night.

The interest for the deeper side of college activity was shown by the representation of Ajax by some of the Greek

students of the University. The Thetas were particularly interested in this play, for Gladys Wickson, one of our seniors, took the part of Athena. We were also given the opportunity of seeing Professor Gayley's adaptation of "The Star of Bethlehem," which was greeted with such enthusiasm last winter in Boston. And we felt rightfully proud of the masterful hand that produced that miracle play so beautifully and with such dignity.

All these and many others are the events that give such a snap to the four strenuous years of study, and yet maybe the happiest times are those less often mentioned — a fraternity picnic spent together up in the hills, the talks about the open fire in the fraternity house. These are what make college life so dear.

FLORENCE VERY WILSON.

ALUMNAE DEPARTMENT

Time and Place of Chapter Meetings

Gamma Alumnae, New York City — 11:30 A. M. first Saturday of each month, January to April, inclusive, at Hotel Martha Washington, 29 E. 29th St. Meetings are held in Private Dining Room, and all who wish, remain for lunch.

Eta Alumnae, Burlington, Vt. — Monthly, from November to June, at homes of members.

Alpha Alumnae, Greencastle, Ind. — 2:30 P. M. second Saturday of each month from September to May, at homes of members.

Epsilon Alumnae, Columbus, Ohio — 5-8 P. M. first Saturday of each month at homes of members.

Zeta Alumnae, Indianapolis, Ind. — 2:30 P. M. first Saturday of each month at homes of members.

Mu Alumnae, Cleveland, Ohio — Second Saturday of each month at homes of members.

Kappa Alumnae, Pittsburg, Pa. — Once in two months at homes of members.

Lambda Alumnae, Athens, Ohio — No specified time.

Beta Alumnae, Minneapolis, Minn. — 3 P. M. second Saturday of each month at homes of members.

Delta Alumnae, Chicago, Ill. — 10:30 A. M. third Saturday of each month at Marshall Field's Tea Room. Luncheon at twelve.

Xi Alumnae, Kansas City, Mo. — 2:30 P. M. last Saturday of each month at homes of members.

Iota Alumnae, Los Angeles, Cal. — Second Saturday of each month at homes of members.

ZETA ALUMNAE — INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA.

The Journal readers may think Zeta Alumnae has had a long sleep, but in reality she scarcely takes a nap in the hot summer time. This chapter meets the first Saturday afternoon in every month in the year excepting August. A fraternity alumnae chapter in a city is a real boon to the older women absorbed in home cares or in "the strenuous life," because such are refreshed by the bright, helpful spirit they find in the recent college graduates who constantly recruit our ranks.

Remarkable interest and true pleasure come through this association of college women representing Theta chapter of many colleges. A most delightful feature of our meetings is the constant surprises we have in the visiting Thetas who come to our city. It is not infrequent that we renew friendships of ten or fifteen years ago.

Zeta's president for this year is Sarah Cotton, a graduate of Lake Forest and Stanford University. The program promises much that will entertain and instruct. Already we have held three delightful meetings. In October a large delegation went to Franklin, Indiana, and enjoyed the president's annual luncheon with Mrs. A. M. Hall, formerly Miss Howe, of our city. At the November meeting we heard Lucia Ray tell in a most interesting manner of her recent travels through Scotland. The December meeting had for its guest Prof. F. M. Stalher, of Terre Haute State Normal. He read a paper upon "The Meaning of Culture." A rare treat this proved, because it was full of fine thought, literary merit and truly wholesome ideas of culture.

The plan for the year is to introduce features of varied interests by outside friends who will favor us by their talks or musicals, thus relieving the busy members — teachers and housewives — from special or extra duty in the chapter. Our meetings are held in the homes of the members. The hostess, with two other members, furnish refreshments at each meeting.

We are glad to welcome home again Emma Virginia Pearson after her summer travels in Spain. Zeta also wants to assure Beta Chapter we greatly miss Mrs. Frank Holland, our own Margaret Todd.

Here's to the health, happiness and prosperity of Alpha Theta of Texas University.

Our alumnae are greatly interested just now in a circle of twelve girls at Butler College, who have banded together and hope to get the Theta charter restored to Butler. The fine class of girls in attendance there and the constant supply from our city makes a bright prospect for a good chapter in Butler at all times. We feel we could mother such most lovingly.

CORA C. BARNETT.

DELTA ALUMNAE — CHICAGO.

Many of us of Delta Alumnae looked forward as eagerly to our first fraternity meeting this fall as we used to do ten years ago, when we were in college. The long interim between our May and our October meetings makes us very glad to get together again. We are enjoying our familiar corner in Marshall Field's Tea Room, and we shall welcome cordially any and all Thetas there at noon of every third Saturday in the month.

Mrs. Norton was our president for two years, and we were glad to see her home again, after five months on the continent. We were interested to hear about her summer, and about the Inter-Sorority conference which she had so recently attended as Theta's representative.

At our May meeting we had a visit with Miss Vickery, of Alpha, on her way back to Rome.

The catalogue number of the Journal has been a great satisfaction, for with its aid our secretary sent out notices to all Thetas living in and near the city, telling of our October gathering, and several new names and faces have been added to our number. At our first meeting we had the an-

nouncement of the marriage of Caroline Douglass to Mr. Carl Cone, and in November we were glad to welcome Mrs. Cone. Another Vermonter who has cast her lot in with us is Dr. Rice.

On the Saturday after Thanksgiving, Mamah Borthwick Cheney gathered the clans at her new home, 630 North East avenue, Oak Park, Ill. Mrs. Smoot, of '81, made it possible for us to hear stories of our earliest days, and Charlotte Walker, 1900, brought our Eta news up to date, for she has just come from Ann Arbor. She will spend the winter with Mrs. Eastman, ex-1882, in Kenilworth, just north of Chicago.

As we went along State street to our November luncheon, Minnesota ribbons were frequently in evidence, for Minnesota was to play Northwestern that afternoon. Covers for fifty were laid that day, among whom were about a dozen Upsilon girls, who had come for the game, and with them were a number of the active members of Tau.

I assure you, girls in college, your older sisters do enjoy having you come to visit, for it seems to lessen the years between the present and those college days of our own.

ALICE E. WADSWORTH.

XI ALUMNAE — KANSAS CITY, MO,

Since the last letter to the Journal, Xi Alumnae has held two meetings, the first in October at the home of Miss Anne Wilder, and the second in November at the home of Miss Nina Drake. This last meeting was particularly important, being the occasion of the annual election of officers. It came very opportunely at the time when Kansas City undergraduate Thetas were at home for the Thanksgiving holiday, and also when undergraduate Thetas from other towns were in Kansas City to see Kansas University beat Missouri University at football. The alumnae chapter was pleased to welcome so many of these college girls at the November meeting, for it is always a source of satisfac-

tion to us to feel that undergraduate Thetas, with their many interests and duties, have time and inclination to mingle with their sisters whose college days are over.

The morning after Thanksgiving twenty-six Thetas, active and alumnae, enjoyed a breakfast at Emery Bird's Tea Room. Some of us had not met for so long — and some never at all — that we found two hours quite inadequate for the talk set before us, in addition to the breakfast.

Xi alumnae will not meet again until after Christmas, for these next few weeks will be very busy ones, but the December meeting will be, we hope, the best of all, coming, as it does, at the happiest, brightest time of the year.

Though this letter will bring you the message a little late, we send heartiest holiday greeting to every Theta in the land.

DARLENE DOUBLEDAY.

PERSONALS

Lambda

Alice Bean, '02, visited friends in college in October.

The engagement is announced of Mabel Nelson, '99, to Prof. Elbrige Jacobs, Alpha Tau Omega.

Helen Hodge, ex-'03, is visiting her sister, Hattie M. Hodge, '03, at Barnard College.

Mrs. Emily Colburn Follett, '90, is spending a few weeks in Burlington.

The marriage of Sara Grace Deane, '05, to Mr. Walter C. Bellrose, Alpha Kappa Kappa, took place October 4, 1904, at Watertown, N. Y.

Chi

On July 20, 1904, in Mexico, N. Y., Lena L. Hoose, '00, and Dr. P. H. Markham were married. The matron of honor was Mrs. J. O. Stranahan, '97. Among the bridesmaids were Byrde Greenleaf Casler, '98, and Mabel Northrup, '98. Dr. Markham is a member of Delta Sigma Delta, University of Pennsylvania, 1904.

The non-resident alumnæ who have recently visited the chapter house are Mrs. Edna Congdon Peck, ex-'98; Mrs. Lydia G. Casler, '98; Elizabeth Dean, '01; Maisa Parker, ex-'04, and Georgia Allan, '03.

The Theta Alumnæ Association of Syracuse held a very enjoyable and enthusiastic meeting at the home of Mabel V. Parker, on Friday evening, November 11. The regular monthly meeting was held at the home of Dr. Mary F. Sweet, on Friday evening, December 2.

Alpha Beta

The chapter was honored on Hallowe'en by a visit from Aurélie Reynaud, president of Alpha District.

Charles Wagner, of "Simple Life" fame, lectured to the college students one evening, and the next morning delivered a brief sermon in his native tongue, in morning chapel exercises.

F. Hopkinson Smith lectured at Swarthmore College on the 9th of December. He chose the most interesting topic possible, himself and his work, both literary and artistic.

Alpha Epsilon

Mable Jennie Bowe, '01, was married November 22, at Springfield, to Mr. Irving Kent Bodurtha.

November 23, Bessie Allen Hood, '03, was married at her home, to Mr. Daniel E. Bellows, Chi Phi, Brown, '03. Mr. and Mrs. Bellows will live in Annapolis.

Alpha Zeta

During her recent visit to New York, Mrs. Marvin, the former president of Alpha District, presented her little daughter, Dorothy, to the members of Alpha Zeta Chapter.

Lucy Bates Embury, '04, is teaching at Miss Butt's school, Norwich, Conn.

Mary D. Hall is teaching in the Girls' Technical High School, New York.

Alpha

On the evening of November 23, Mary Lewis and Floyd Newby (Delta Upsilon) were married by Dr. Hughes, of De Pauw University. Their home will be in Knightstown, Ind.

Florence Newby, Alma John and Alice Cox came to Greencastle to attend the wedding of Mary Lewis and to spend the Thanksgiving holidays with friends.

Mrs. Alma Holman Burton resigned the Professorship of French, and left Greencastle on the last of November, to resume work on her history, which is to be ready for publication, January 1.

Letters from Florence Roach, in Italy, bring word that she is working hard at music, but will be glad to return to America in June.

Epsilon

Cecelia Remy, '04, has been visiting Helen Butterfield and Caroline McCulloch, ex-'05.

Hazel Emery, '07, is again with us after a month at home, on account of the illness and death of her mother.

Eta

Jeannette Blanchard Steuber is living in St. Louis, where Mr. Steuber is engaged in educational work.

Nellie McCaughan is also in St. Louis for a few months, at 3133 Lawton Avenue.

Julia Benson is teaching in the Yeatman High School, in St. Louis.

Frances Gale Stuart lives near Aurora, Ill., her old home. She has two little daughters.

Laura Eames is continuing her work in Botany in the Missouri Botanical Laboratory. You can find her any day fastened to a microscope, just as she used to be in Ann Arbor.

Mary Stewart is teaching in Saginaw, Mich.

The engagement of Zella Zerefa Fay, ex-'04, to Ira Campbell, '02, Phi Delta Phi, of Seattle, Wash., is announced.

Kathleen Anderson, M. D., '04, has been very seriously ill in Northwestern Hospital, Minneapolis.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Waltzer, of Chicago, announce the birth of a daughter, Sally Waltzer. Mrs. Waltzer was formerly Grace Moore.

Charlotte Walker, '00, is studying for her Master's Degree. at Northwestern.

The engagement of Una Palmer, '03, to George Lynch, M. D., '03, Nu Sigma Nu, is announced.

Bernice Bond, '05, met with a serious accident, which makes it necessary for her to give up her college work for a time. She has gone to her home in Chicago.

Esther Woodruff, '00, was married November 23, to Mr. Charles Hebard Walker. They will reside in Marquette, Mich.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Craig (Marion Innes, Kappa, '96) a daughter, Shirley Craig.

Mabel Mason, '03, is teaching in Gladstone, Mich.

Jane Pollack, '01, has resigned her position at Riverside, and has gone to New Bedford, Mass.

Alpha Gamma

Anna Williams Murfin, '99, is spending the winter in Los Angeles. Lieut. Murfin is in southern California waters.

Annis McLaughlin Miller, '97 has a little son, born in August.

Desha Hubbard, now Mrs. Frank Lindenburg, returns late in December from her wedding trip abroad.

Four Thetas are to be in the wedding party of Jessie Carpenter. Katharine Andrews will be maid of honor; Mary Loren, Gertrude Bellows and Edna Hoover, bridesmaids.

Cornelia W. Miller, 1902, is teaching in Elyria this year.

Helen Powell visits Irene Parkes in Chicago in January. Ruth Ford Carlisle has a little son.

Helen Powell and Florence Bell attended the World's Fair together in the Fall.

Jessie Carpenter, 1902, was married, December 20, to Mr. Walter J. Sears, of Chillicothe, O. They will make their home there.

Edith Corner is in New York for an indefinite stay.

Florence Bell will spend January and February in Montclair, New Jersey.

Tau

Herta Curme and Percy Davis, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, were married on November 26.

Catherine Wilson and Josephine Webster are attending the Chicago School of Domestic Science this winter.

Mrs. Edwin Ames, *nee* Elsie Russell, visited Tau for a few days in November.

Jane Dale is taking a course in Kindergarten work, in Chicago.

Born to Mrs. John H. Holmes (Lillian Rice) a son. Mrs. Holmes is now living at Swarthmore, Penn.

Psi

Mrs. Grace Cloes Stedman has a little son.

Among those who have visited Madison this year are Mrs. Catherine Brown Morton, '93, Edna Zinn, '04, Winifred Smith, Mollie Strong, Edna Bolender, Joe Boden, Mrs. Lottie Wood Churchill of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Mrs. Bolender, of Monroe.

Phi

The announcement is made of the engagement of Ada Edwards, ex-'98, and Homer Laughlin, Phi Delta Theta, '96. The wedding will take place at Stanford, in the Memorial Church, December 28.

Maryline Barnard, '01, and Arthur Poole, Beta Theta Pi, '96, were married at Ventura, California, October 26.

Elsie Branner, who has been traveling with her parents in Europe during the past year, is expected home for next semester.

Edith Hill, '98, visited Stanford on her return from Europe.

Dr. Clelia Mosher, who is practicing medicine in Palo Alto, has been elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

Katharine Nash Thomas, '95, Winifred Caldwell Whit-
tier, '95, Minnie Yoder Lucas, '95, Henrietta Stadtmüller,

'95, Ethel Traphagen, '04, have been elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

Mrs. Mary Roberts Smith has been appointed by the government to study the immigration in San Francisco port, and make a report upon the subject.

Omega

Ethel Olney, '97, after traveling in the east for a month, sailed on the 26th of November for Europe, where she will travel during the next eighteen months. If fate is kind, she will meet many of Omega's Thetas.

Marion C. Whipple, '98, was married in Los Angeles in November, to Mr. Earle Garrettson, Phi Delta Theta, of the University of California. Their home will be in Seattle, Washington.

Katherine Bunnell, '02, is going to New York to live, the first of the year. Omega feels badly to loose one of her staunch and loyal Berkeley alumnae.

Clara Walton, 1903-1904, our freshman, who last Spring announced her engagement to Dr. Prescott of the Latin Department of the University of California, is at her home in Los Angeles, where she will remain until her marriage.

NEWS FROM THE COLLEGE WORLD

"A fellowship open to women graduates of the colleges of the United States of not more than five years' standing has been opened by the Baltimore Association for the Promotion of the University Education of Women. The prize is a fund of \$500 per annum, with the privilege of studying either in America or abroad, and of continuing her work under the same conditions for a second year if her researches are of exceptional value. The competition for the fellowship will rest on credentials and previous good work."
—*Gammi Phi Beta.*

In the last year charters of Phi Beta Kappa have been granted to Stanford University, Texas University, Ohio State, Wellesley, Smith, Woman's College of Baltimore, University of Colorado, North Carolina University, Colorado College and Mt. Holyoke.

"The Star of Bethlehem," a miracle play adapted by Prof. Charles Miles Gayley, head of the English department of California, was presented by the Ben Greet Company in San Francisco this fall, and also at the University of California.

A committee of representative men from Georgia, including the governor of the state and the president of the University of Georgia, visited the University of Wisconsin in November, for the purpose of inspecting a typical state university, as their method of organization in scattered colleges and schools has proved unsatisfactory.

"Dr. Alfred G. Mayer, a little while ago, put into concise form in Science, the statistics of higher education in the United States, which show that the number of our universities and colleges in 1902 was 638, and the number of students, including graduate students, was 112,433. The number of colleges has increased by 50 per cent., and the number of students by about 100 per cent., during the decade. But how small a part the college bred are of the whole population, is yet somewhat startling, for they comprise but one in every 700. There were twice as many teachers in 1902 as in 1889. The number of books and libraries was doubled."

—*The World's Work.*

The gold medal for the best oration in the contest at St. Louis Fair was awarded to Howard Stanley Smith, Phi Delta Theta, Miami University, '05.

Of the fraternity men who have won the Cecil Rhodes scholarships, Delta Upsilon takes the lead with five representatives, Beta Theta Pi has three, Phi Delta Theta and Kappa Alpha each two. Eleven other fraternities have each one scholar.

With 69 Chapters, Phi Delta Theta owns 22 chapter houses and rents 30.

No member of Kappa Sigma can join Theta Nu Epsilon for the next two years, and no member of this class fraternity can be asked to join Kappa Sigma. This fact speaks very well for Kappa Sigma's policy.

Delta Upsilon sends engraved announcements of the establishment of a chapter at Ohio State University, December 9th.

Phi Kappa Psi has established chapters at the Universities of Illinois and Texas.

Since last going to press, President Roosevelt has developed a new fraternity connection. In addition to his being a member of both Alpha Delta Phi and D. K. E. it now appears that he is claimed by the Columbia Chapter of the legal Fraternity, Phi Delta Phi. Another census of the President's fraternity record is promised for the near future, when it will likely develop that "there are others" yet. Unless the list is too numerous it is our intention to publish it as amended.—*Kappa Alpha Journal*.

EXCHANGES

We are glad to acknowledge the following exchanges:

The Scroll of Phi Delta Theta, The Beta Theta Pi, The Delta of Sigma Nu, The Kappa Alpha Journal, The Alpha Xi Delta, The Caduceus of Kappa Sigma, The Frater of Psi Omega, The Shield of Phi Kappa Psi, The Anchora of Delta Gamma, The Crescent of Gamma Phi Beta, The Shield of Theta Delta Chi, The Arrow of Pi Beta Phi, the Eleusis of Chi Omega, The Centaur of Alpha Kappa Kappa, The Phi Gamma Delta, The Sigma Chi Quarterly.

Who of you has heard the remark, "The only purpose of a fraternity is to have a good time," without burning with righteous indignation? This is an assault upon our most cherished aims and ideas. But ponder a moment, ye maidens of the sign of the golden arrow, and see if there be not some ground for this assertion. Think of the amount of money we spend on dancing, spreads, and fun, and then of the amount we are willing to give to those more unfortunate than ourselves. Think how many girls can spend hours in decorating halls for parties, but cannot spare a single one for going to church for that worship which cannot be excluded from a girl's life if she lives up to the ideals of Pi Beta Phi? How many of us will stand unflinchingly for what we think right even though our fraternity may seem to be injured thereby? Let us think soberly upon this subject. We are banded together for high purposes, and we must not so cover these purposes with the glamour of frivolity and gaiety that people will be deceived into believing these our real aims. — *The Arrow*.

The suggestions made a year ago by the Inter-Sorority Conference have now become a national reality among Sororities and the practical use of local Pan-Hellenic Associations has been shown, to some extent, during the past rushing season. The question now for us to face is — What is to be the spirit in our intercourse in these various Associations? There can not be an intermediate state. If broad, democratic, clean cut and, withal, honest principles are not recognized and pursued, then we have lost the secret to our success and growth in this progressive work. Every broad-thinking, wide-a-wake college girl, active or alumna, knows that fraternities have reached the point in their expansion and development when there must be recognized co-operation among us as a

whole, as parts of college life and college organization. The delegates who meet in these Conferences, mostly utter strangers to one another, put aside all biased opinions, pet theories and are far above the least thought of gain or honor for "my" fraternity. They are eager to learn and accept the suggestions that will benefit us all wherever we are, in a great or small college. When we realize how these busy women whose time is absorbed by many demands, are willing to meet and give their complete interest for the betterment of our every day affairs, should we not act upon these local questions in the same spirit? Let us pull ourselves out of the rut of petty jealousies, suspicion and lack of faith in one another and show the only, true Pan-Hellenic spirit that is put before us nationally. — *Anchora of Delta Gamma.*

The desirability of a subscription from each chapter in order to retain complete volumes of the Journal in the Archives, without robbing individual members of their copies, is self-apparent. Several chapters already have subscribed, others are urged to do so without delay. The following clipping also contains an interesting suggestion. With us, however, this would apply only to those fraternities which are not "represented in a chapter's local field." Any chapter which does not receive a copy of the magazine of each Sorority with a chapter in its college, will please notify the editor, as all such exchanges are expected, and as far as we know, fulfilled by our Journal.

"We have often thought that it would be an excellent plan for each of our Chapters to subscribe to the journals of our several competitors, especially the magazines of those Fraternities represented in a Chapter's local field. The official journals of all Fraternities publishing them are open to general subscription with the exception of that of Chi Psi. Such a course as suggested would not only enlarge the Fraternity horizon of our actives, but they would have access to much more general Fraternity information and discussion of topics of general Fraternity interest than we are able to give them in the curtailed extracts which are all our limited space allows us to reproduce in the two exchange departments of this journal. The subscription price of the majority of our exchanges is the same that of *The Rainbow*, and if any of our Chapters desire to act upon this suggestion we will be glad to forward such subscription to the proper persons." — *The Rainbow of Delta Tau Delta.*

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